

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, January 11, 2007
Fourth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Thomas of the 54th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

CASEY CAGLE
Lieutenant Governor

January 12, 2007

Honorable Bob Ewing
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Bob:

In my capacity as President of the Georgia State Senate, I hereby submit to you the comprehensive list of Committee Assignments for the members of the Senate during the 2007-2008 term.

Please find a hard copy attached. This list will be submitted to you electronically as well.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle
Lieutenant Governor

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Chairman - Bulloch, 11th
 Vice-Chairman - Hudgens, 47th
 Secretary - Hawkins, 49th

Heath, 31st - Ex-Officio	Powell, 23rd
Goggans, 7th	Tarver, 22nd
Orrock, 36th	

APPROPRIATIONS

Chairman - Hill, Jack, 4th
 Vice-Chairman - Goggans, 7th
 Secretary - Golden, 8th

Balfour, 9th	Pearson, 51st
Bulloch, 11th	Schaefer, 50th
Cowsert, 46th	Seabaugh, 28th
Fort, 39th	Seay, 34th
Grant, 25th	Smith, 52nd
Hamrick, 30th	Staton, 18th - Ex-Officio
Harp, 29th	Tate, 38th
Heath, 31st	Thomas, Don, 54th
Henson, 41st	Thomas, Regina, 2nd
Hooks, 14th	Thompson, Steve, 33rd
Johnson, 1st	Tolleson, 20th
Meyer von Bremen, 12th	Unterman, 45th
Moody, 56th	Wiles, 37th - Ex-Officio
Mullis, 53rd	Williams, 19th
Murphy, 27th	

BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Chairman - Hamrick, 30th
 Vice-Chairman - Hudgens, 47th
 Secretary - Tarver, 22nd

Bulloch, 11th	Rogers, 21st
Harbison, 15th	Schaefer, 50th
Mullis, 53rd - Ex-Officio	Shafer, 48th
Murphy, 27th	Thompson, Steve, 33rd

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairman - Pearson, 51st
Vice-Chairman - Rogers, 21st
Secretary - Carter, 13th

Brown, 26th	Schaefer, 50th
Chance, 16th	Tarver, 22nd
Hooks, 14th	Thompson, Curt, 5th
Mullis, 53rd	Whitehead, 24th
Murphy, 27th	

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Chairman - Weber, 40th
Vice-Chairman - Carter, 13th
Secretary - Thomas, Don, 54th

Balfour, 9th	Ramsey, 43rd
Douglas, 17th	Tate, 38th
Fort, 39th	Thomas, Regina, 2nd
Moody, 56th	

ETHICS

Chairman - Unterman, 45th
Vice-Chairman - Hooks, 14th
Secretary - Schaefer, 50th

Butler, 55th	Murphy, 27th
Hamrick, 30th	Reed, 35th
Hill Jack, 4th	Stoner, 6th
Johnson, 1st	Thomas, Don, 54th
Meyer von Bremen, 12th	

FINANCE

Chairman - Rogers, 21st
Vice-Chairman - Williams, 19th
Secretary - Chance, 16th

Goggans, 7th
 Golden, 8th
 Heath, 31st
 Johnson, 1st

Jones, 10th -Ex-Officio
 Seabaugh, 28th
 Shafer, 48th
 Thompson, Steve, 33rd

HIGHER EDUCATION

Chairman - Harp, 29th
 Vice-Chairman - Cowsert, 46th
 Secretary - Staton, 18th

Chance, 16th
 Davenport, 44th
 Golden, 8th

Orrock, 36th
 Thompson, Curt, 5th
 Wiles, 37th

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairman - Thomas, Don, 54th
 Vice-Chairman - Unterman, 45th
 Secretary - Goggans, 7th

Adelman, 42nd
 Balfour, 9th
 Butler, 55th
 Carter, 13th -Ex-Officio
 Grant, 25th
 Hawkins, 49th
 Henson, 41st

Hill, Judson, 32nd
 Orrock, 36th -Ex-Officio
 Shafer, 48th -Ex-Officio
 Smith, 52nd
 Tate, 38th
 Wiles, 37th

INTERSTATE COOPERATION

Chairman - Harbison, 15th
 Vice-Chairman - Orrock, 36th
 Secretary - Jones, 10th

Davenport, 44th

Powell, 23rd

INSURANCE AND LABOR

Chairman - Hudgens, 47th
 Vice-Chairman - Shafer, 48th
 Secretary - Moody, 56th

Brown, 26th
Chapman, 3rd
Golden, 8th
Harbison, 15th

Murphy, 27th -Ex-Officio
Pearson, 51st -Ex-Officio
Ramsey, 43rd
Rogers, 21st

JUDICIARY

Chairman - Smith, 52nd
Vice-Chairman - Harp, 29th
Secretary - Hamrick, 30th

Adelman, 42nd -Ex-Officio
Brown, 26th
Carter, 13th
Cowsert, 46th
Fort, 39th

Hill, Judson, 32nd
Meyer von Bremen, 12th
Reed, 35th
Seabaugh, 28th -Ex-Officio
Wiles, 37th

NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Chairman - Tolleson, 20th
Vice-Chairman - Bulloch, 11th
Secretary - Hudgens, 47th

Chapman, 3rd
Hawkins, 49th
Henson, 41st
Hill, Jack, 4th
Hooks, 14th

Meyer von Bremen, 12th
Powell, 23rd -Ex-Officio
Weber, 40th
Whitehead, 24th

GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Chairman - Chance, 16th
Vice-Chairman - Carter, 13th
Secretary - Henson, 41st

Goggans, 7th
Golden, 8th
Grant, 25th
Harp, 29th

Heath, 31st
Mullis, 53rd
Tarver, 22nd

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Chairman - Whitehead, 24th
Vice-Chairman - Mullis, 53rd
Secretary - Chapman, 3rd

Butler, 55th	Grant, 25th -Ex-Officio
Carter, 13th	Jones, 10th
Davenport, 44th	Seay, 34th

REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING

Chairman - Hill, Judson, 32nd
Vice-Chairman - Hawkins, 49th
Secretary - Seabaugh, 28th

Brown, 26th	Moody, 56th
Chance, 16th	Rogers, 21st
Cowsert, 46th	Shafer, 48th
Fort, 39th	Smith, 52nd
Harbison, 15th	Thomas, Regina, 2nd
Hudgens, 47th	Williams, 19th

REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES

Chairman - Shafer, 48th
Vice-Chairman - Johnson, 1st
Secretary - Harbison, 15th

Butler, 55th	Stoner, 6th
Henson, 41st	Thomas, Regina, 2nd
Hill, Jack, 4th	Tolleson, 20th -Ex-Officio
Seabaugh, 28th	Williams, 19th
Murphy, 27th -Ex-Officio	

RETIREMENT

Chairman - Heath, 31st
Vice-Chairman - Schaefer, 50th
Secretary - Smith, 52nd

Davenport, 44th	Stoner, 6th
Murphy, 27th	Tate, 38th

RULES

Chairman - Balfour, 9th
Vice-Chairman - Hamrick, 30th
Secretary - Seabaugh, 28th

Adelman, 42nd	Rogers, 21st -Ex-Officio
Butler, 55th	Shafer, 48th -Ex-Officio
Hill, Jack, 4th	Thomas, Don, 54th
Hooks, 14th	Tolleson, 20th
Johnson, 1st	Unterman, 45th
Moody, 56th	Williams, 19th
Pearson, 51st	

SPECIAL JUDICIARY

Chairman - Meyer von Bremen, 12th
Vice-Chairman - Adelman, 42nd
Secretary - Hill, Judson, 32nd

Cowsert, 46th	Tarver, 22nd
Harp, 29th	Thompson, Curt, 5th -Ex-Officio
Ramsey, 43rd	Weber, 40th
Reed, 35th	

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Chairman - Staton, 18th
Vice-Chairman - Heath, 31st
Secretary - Douglas, 17th

Shafer, 48th -Ex-Officio	Powell, 23rd
Orrock, 36th	

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Chairman - Wiles, 37th
Vice-Chairman - Grant, 25th
Secretary - Weber, 40th

Hawkins, 49th	Ramsey, 43rd
Jones, 10th	Reed, 35th
Mullis, 53rd -Ex-Officio	

STATE INSTITUTIONS AND PROPERTY

Chairman - Grant, 25th
Vice-Chairman - Thomas, Regina, 2nd
Secretary - Seay, 34th

Fort, 39th	Stoner, 6th
Powell, 23rd	Thompson, Curt, 5th

TRANSPORTATION

Chairman - Mullis, 53rd
Vice-Chairman - Whitehead, 24th
Secretary - Pearson, 51st

Chapman, 3rd	Seay, 34th
Douglas, 17th	Staton, 18th
Goggans, 7th -Ex-Officio	Stoner, 6th
Hill, Judson, 32nd -Ex-Officio	Thompson, Steve, 33rd
Reed, 35th	

URBAN AFFAIRS

Chairman - Adelman, 42nd
Vice-Chairman - Weber, 40th
Secretary - Ramsey, 43rd

Butler, 55th -Ex-Officio	Reed, 35th
Davenport, 44th -Ex-Officio	Rogers, 21st -Ex-Officio
Fort, 39th -Ex-Officio	Seay, 34th
Henson, 41st	Stoner, 6th
Hill, Judson, 32nd	Thompson, Curt, 5th -Ex-Officio
Jones, 10th	Tate, 38th
Orrock, 36th	Wiles, 37th

VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Chairman - Douglas, 17th
Vice-Chairman - Staton, 18th
Secretary - Tolleson, 20th

Brown, 26th	Thompson, Curt, 5th
Jones, 10th	

COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman - Williams, 19th

Hill, Jack, 4th -Ex-Officio	Pearson, 51st -Ex-Officio
Johnson, 1st	Rogers, 21st
Moody, 56th -Ex Officio	Shafer, 48th
Mullis, 53rd	

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

Chairman - Johnson, 1st

Brown, 26th	Wiles, 37th
Moody, 56th	Williams, 19th
Pearson, 51st	

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES AND CHAIRS

Community Health - Goggans, 7th
Corrections - Grant, 25th
Judicial - Smith, 52nd
Criminal Justice - Hamrick, 30th
Economic Development - Pearson, 51st
Transportation - Mullis, 53rd
Education - Moody, 56th
Fiscal Management - Seabaugh, 28th
General Government - Harp, 29th
Higher Education - Wiles, 37th
Human Development - Unterman, 45th
Natural Resources - Tolleson, 20th
Agriculture - Bulloch, 11th

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 9. By Senators Rogers of the 21st, Williams of the 19th, Weber of the 40th, Moody of the 56th, Cowser of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to teachers and other school personnel, so as to enact the "Grade Integrity Act of 2007"; to provide that no

classroom teacher shall be required, coerced, intimidated, or disciplined in any manner to change the grade of a student; to provide for an ethical violation reportable to the Professional Standards Commission; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Education and Youth Committee.

SB 22. By Senator Thomas of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of detention, so as to increase the minimum reimbursement rate paid to counties for housing state inmates; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Appropriations Committee.

SB 23. By Senators Douglas of the 17th, Rogers of the 21st, Schaefer of the 50th, Hawkins of the 49th, Staton of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal sentencing procedure, so as to provide that in making determinations with respect to probation and suspension of sentences, the court may inquire into and consider the legality of a prisoner's presence in the United States; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to granting of pardons, parole, and other relief in general, so as to provide that the State Board of Pardons and Paroles may inquire into and consider the legality of a prisoner's presence in the United States when making parole decisions; to make a statement of legislative findings and intent with respect to applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 24. By Senators Staton of the 18th, Shafer of the 48th, Chance of the 16th, Carter of the 13th, Rogers of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computer systems security, so as to prohibit persons from using the Internet or electronic mail to induce another to provide identifying information by falsely representing themselves to be a business without the authority or approval of the business; to provide

definitions; to provide for penalties and sanctions; to provide for civil actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Science and Technology Committee.

SR 4. By Senators Staton of the 18th, Johnson of the 1st, Shafer of the 48th, Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may provide by law for procedures for voting to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the electoral process, including procedures to verify the identity of electors seeking to vote in a primary or election; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SR 30. By Senators Thomas of the 54th, Smith of the 52nd, Carter of the 13th, Hamrick of the 30th, Douglas of the 17th and others:

A BILL creating the Joint Study Committee on State Stroke System of Care; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

Senator Williams of the 19th asked unanimous consent that Senator Balfour of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Balfour was excused.

Senator Adelman of the 42nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Henson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Henson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Adelman	Heath	Seay
Brown	Hill,Jack	Shafer,D
Bulloch	Hill,Judson	Smith
Carter	Hooks	Staton
Chance	Hudgens	Stoner
Chapman	Johnson	Tarver
Cowsert	Jones	Tate
Davenport	Me V Bremen	Thomas,D
Douglas	Moody	Thomas,R

Fort	Mullis	Thompson,C
Goggans	Murphy	Thompson,S
Golden	Orrock	Tolleson
Grant	Pearson	Unterman
Hamrick	Ramsey	Weber
Harbison	Rogers	Whitehead
Harp	Schaefer	Wiles
Hawkins	Seabaugh	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Balfour (Excused)	Butler (Excused)	Henson (Excused)
Powell	Reed	

Senator Reed was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wishes to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Senator Seay of the 34th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Rhys Stenner of Fayetteville, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Tate of the 38th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Ben Beniho.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 27. By Senator Thomas of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Miss Sara Aguero Jahannes, Miss Georgia Latina 2006; and for other purposes.

SR 28. By Senators Thomas of the 54th, Smith of the 52nd, Carter of the 13th, Hamrick of the 30th, Douglas of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Andrew P. Morley, Jr., M.D., for his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 29. By Senators Goggans of the 7th, Mullis of the 53rd, Heath of the 31st, Tolleson of the 20th, Carter of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION proclaiming January 10, 2007 as "Sportsmen's Day at the Capitol"; and for other purposes.

SR 31. By Senator Seabaugh of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION commending Rickey Cloudsdale; and for other purposes.

SR 32. By Senator Smith of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Leadership Rome Program; and for other purposes.

Senator Smith of the 52nd spoke to SR 32.

SR 33. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Rogers of the 21st, Grant of the 25th, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Bulloch of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION expressing regret at the passing of Ray Beck; and for other purposes.

Senator Williams of the 19th moved that the Senate stand in recess until 5:00 p.m. today, then pursuant to HR 11, adjourn until 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 22, 2007.

At 10:52 a.m. the President announced that the motion prevailed.